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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: HEARING FOR MUZOREWA IN SECURITY
COUNCIL

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1. MUZOREWA INFORMED BRITISH MARCH 10 THAT HE HAD DECIDED NOT TO REQUEST OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE STATEMENT DURING SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON RHODESIA. HE APPARENTLY CONCLUDED THAT, DESPITE WESTERN SUPPORT HE WOULD HAVE, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO AVOID CONFRONTATION IN WHICH HE WOULD BE LOSER.

2. PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF ABOVE INFO, RICHARD (UK) SURPRISED US BY RAISING MATTER IN SC INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS. AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION OF ZAMBIAN COMPLAINT (ON WHICH CONSULTATIONS HAD BEEN CALLED) RICHARD SAID HE, AS SC PRESIDENT, HAD SO FAR NO INTIMATION OF DESIRE BY MUZOREWA TO SPEAK BUT WISHED TO INFORM COUNCIL MEMBERS OF HIS INTENTIONS ON MATTER. IF HE RECEIVED SUCH INTIMATION AND A LETTER OF REQUEST FROM SC MEMBER OR MEMBERS, RICHARD SAID, HE WOULD PUT QUESTION TO COUNCIL IN USUAL MANNER. OTHER MEMBERS DID NOT RESPOND WHEN ASKED FOR ANY COMMENTS.

3. IN SUBSEQUENT US-UK DISCUSSION, RICHARD AGREED THAT, ALTHOUGH HE HAD NOT SO INDICATED IN CONSULTATIONS, HE WOULD HANDLE MATTER, IF IT AROSE, AS WE HAD EARLIER UNDERSTOOD, I.E. IN FIRST INSTANCE THROUGH INFORMAL SC CONSULTATIONS, DURING WHICH IT WOULD BE MADE CLEAR THAT IF COUNCIL WAS NOT PREPARED TO AGREE TO HEARING, QUESTION WOULD NEVERTHELESS BE PUT TO VOTE IN REGULAR OPEN SESSION. YOUNG

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